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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Carry (Carrie) A. Nation letters
Date [inclusive]	1904-1905
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
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Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.
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Biographical/Historical Note

Carrie Amelia Nation was born on November 25, 1846 in Garrard County, Kentucky to George and Mary Moore. Carrie married a young physician and teacher by the name of Charles Gloyd, despite her parent's objections. Gloyd was an alcoholic and died from his addiction in 1869. Carrie then married David Nation, who was 19 years her senior, an attorney, minister, and journalist, in 1874. By 1901, Carrie and David divorced due to differences in religion and charity work. She began speaking out against the evils of alcohol and taking extreme measures to discourage the consumption of distilled liquor. She started destroying whiskey kegs with hatchets, breaking windows in saloons, and setting alcohol on fire. Carrie organized the Woman's Christian Temperance Union devoted to social reform and informing the public about the destructive power of alcohol. Carrie gave speeches and toured the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, visiting twenty-six different saloons and bars in 1906. She was arrested in Arkansas both in Little Rock and Hot Springs fighting for the Temperance movement. Carrie retired to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. In 1908, she died June 9, 1911.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains two letters from Carrie A. Nation to a Mr. Steven. The correspondence requested that Mr. Steven seek compensation for a damaged shipment of linseed oil on her behalf, prohibition, elected officials, the giving away of hatchets, and a payment to Mr. Steven for an expressed order of books.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Collection Inventory

1904 September 17: Carry A. Nation, Plainfield, Connecticut, to Mr. Steven

1905 March 17: Carry A. Nation, Mexia, Texas, to Mr. Steven